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In the month of April, the Lee County Sheriff's Office logged 747 calls for service. As far as notable calls for the month of April the following incidents occurred...

On Friday, April 5th, Lee County Deputies were made aware of individuals selling narcotics at the Magnuson Hotel in rural Dixon. At approximately 9:00 p.m., Blake A. Keane, age 21, of Sterling, Illinois and a 15-year-old juvenile of Morrison, Illinois, attempted to sell Methamphetamine to two Lee County Deputies. Both subjects were taken into custody without incident.

The male juvenile was charged with Methamphetamine Delivery (a Class 2 Felony) and Possession of Methamphetamine - Less than 5 grams (a Class 3 Felony). The juvenile was processed at the Lee County Jail and released to their parents.

Blake A. Keane was charged with the following:

- Methamphetamine Delivery - a Class 2 Felony
- Possession of Methamphetamine - Less than 5 grams - a Class 3 Felony
- Unlawful Possession of Cannabis with the Intent to Deliver (30-100 grams) - a Class 3 Felony
- Unlawful Possession of Cannabis (30-100 grams) - a Class A Misdemeanor

At the time of the new arrest on April 5th, Keane was already on pretrial release conditions with a GPS monitor out of Whiteside County for pending charges of Unlawful Possession of Firearm Ammunition by a Felon. In accordance with provisions of Illinois SAFE-T Act, Blake was given a court date and released from the custody of Lee County Deputies.

On Monday, April 15th at approximately 5:40 p.m., Lee County Dispatch received a call of trespassing on property in the 1000 block of Inlet Road. While Deputies were enroute to the area, the homeowner followed the trespassers. Deputies were able to locate the homeowner and one trespasser on Schmitt Road near Fell Road. Once on scene, Deputies were able to determine what had transpired.

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Three juveniles had trespassed on the Inlet Road property on dirt bikes and then left the area. The homeowner followed the juveniles in a side-by-side utility vehicle. Once the juveniles realized the homeowner was following them, they separated and attempted to flee. The homeowner followed one juvenile and pulled up next to him three times to get him to stop. The incident ended approximately three miles from where it began, on private property of the Richardson Wildlife Foundation. The homeowner rear-ended the dirt bike with his side-by-side, and the juvenile crashed the dirt bike. The homeowner then struck a tree that damaged his side-by-side.

As a result of the crash, the juvenile was transported to Mendota Hospital by Amboy Ambulance where they were treated and released for injuries sustained in the collision.

As a result of the incident, the homeowner identified as Max Muetze, age 38, was arrested and charged with the following.

- Reckless Driving, a Class A Misdemeanor
- Aggravated Reckless Driving, a Class 4 Felony
- Trespassing - Ordinance Violation (for trespassing on Richardson Wildlife Foundation property during the chase)

Muetze was processed at the jail and released from custody with a court date. The juvenile was issued Ordinance Violation for Trespassing at a later date.

On April 26th at approximately 10:31 p.m., Deputies from the Lee County Sheriff's Office conducted a traffic stop on East Seventh Street near South Ottawa Avenue in Dixon for a speeding violation of 48 miles per hour in a posted 30 mile per hour zone.

As a result of the stop, Kaden J. Ulve age 18, of Rock Falls has been arrested and charged with the following:

- Unlawful Use or Possession of Weapons, a Class 3 Felony
- Aggravated Unlawful Use or Possession of Weapons, a Class 4 Felony
- Possession of a Firearm without a Firearm Owner's Identification Card (4 counts), Class A Misdemeanors
- Possession of Firearm Ammunition without a Firearm Owner's Identification Card, a Class A Misdemeanor
- Unlawful Possession of Cannabis (30 grams but less than 100 grams), a Class A Misdemeanor

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The Lee County Sheriff's Office was assisted at the scene by the Dixon Police Department.



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